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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention provides a lens barrel in which  
all of a plurality of lens groups are attached to a leading  
cylindrical body, whereas a movable lens group in the  
plurality of lens groups is moved by a driving source  
incorporated in the leading cylindrical body, whereby the  
lens barrel is less likely to be influenced by external forces  
and can be made smaller. The lens barrel comprises first,  
second, and third cylinders, and first, second, and third  
10 lens groups attached to the third cylinder, which is expanded  
earliest among the first second, and third cylinders. The  
first and third lens groups are fixed to the third cylinder,  
whereas the second lens group is disposed between the first  
and third lens groups so as to be movable along the optical  
15 axis.